

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS  
Submitted for Consideration

The President of the University has requested the Senate Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics to submit its recommendation on action to be taken in the event that the University should be invited to have its football team participate in the Rose Bowl game on 2 January 1961.

Since 1946 the Senate Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, with the approval of the Senate, has consistently voted against contractual agreements under which the Intercollegiate (Big Ten) Conference was required to designate one of its members as a playing participant in the Rose Bowl each year. It has also consistently voted against a Conference regulation which exempts participation in the Rose Bowl from a general prohibition against post-season competition. (The last such action is recorded in the Minutes of the Senate 4 February 1960, pages 34-35).

Participation in the Rose Bowl has never been mandatory for any Conference member. All invited teams have participated, however, regardless of the vote which their institutions have cast in the Conference.

The Intercollegiate (Big Ten) Conference is now not under contract to furnish a team for the Rose Bowl game. The Conference members which opposed participation under the now prevailing permissive regulation have failed, however, to achieve a majority; hence, any Conference institution can now accept an invitation without consulting the other members. A binding agreement in the Conference provides, however, that the proceeds from any Conference team's participation will be shared by all members of the Conference as in the past.

In considering the request of the President, your Committee, while fully aware of its earlier recommendations pertaining to the Rose Bowl contracts and

the permissive rule, has now given special weight to the following:

1. Although the University of Minnesota has never before been invited to send its football team to the Rose Bowl as a representative of the Conference, it has in fact participated in the Rose Bowl during the last 14 years by accepting its share of the proceeds from the game. By declining an invitation the University of Minnesota would, through unilateral action, in which the other Conference members have no voice, deprive them of their share of the proceeds from the game. As a member, the University cannot overlook its obligations to the whole Conference.

2. If the University of Minnesota declines an invitation it would jeopardize the opportunities for other Conference teams to be invited in future years.

3. A recent Statement of Policy on Intercollegiate Athletics, which was adopted by the Senate on 10 December 1959 (Minutes of the Senate, page 26) recognized that "In a larger sphere, intercollegiate athletics have served as a focal point and desirable bond of common interest among students, faculty, alumni and friends of the University, and the citizen-constituency of the institution." We cannot dismiss the fact that for many years no activity within the whole enterprise of the University has received more public attention and support than the successful performance of our football team during the past several weeks. We are deeply conscious of the good will toward the whole University which this public interest may create and project into the future.

4. It has been ascertained that all members of the football squad and coaching staff are in favor of playing in the Rose Bowl game.

The Committee has voted unanimously to recommend that the University should accept an invitation to the Rose Bowl game on 2 January 1961, *if an invitation should be extended.*

M. O. Schultze, Chairman